Corruption in Hindi Granth Academies

†2116. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of staff and officers being involved in corruption in Hindi Granth Academies established in different States during the last two years;

(b) the action taken regarding investigation in every academy and the reasons for keeping the post vacant for more than one year; and

(c) the steps that will be taken to improve the condition and to fill up the vacancies expecially in Bihar Hindi Granth Academy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Government of India has no official information in the matter. The Granth Academies are given financial assistance by the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, a subordinate office of Ministry of Human Resource Development. They however, function under the State Government control.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter relates to Bihar Granth Academy and the Government of Bihar.

Addition of new IITs

2117. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to add to the number of IITs that are already present;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to start an IIT in Karnataka;

(c) if so, Government have any plans to start one in Karnataka; and

(d) what are the possible venues for new IITs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) At present, Government do not have any proposal to set up an IIT in Karnataka.

(d) Government has decided to set up three new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

Attendance of muslim children in schools

2118. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report of Planning Commission 12 per cent of Muslim children in the age group of 6—13 years do not attend school at all;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage them for school education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As per the report submitted in 2006 by the Social and Rural Research Institute, an agency engaged by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for the purpose of conducting an all India survey of out of school children in the 6—13 years age group, 12.03% of the Muslim children in the relevant age group in rural areas and 7.17% in urban areas were estimated to be out of school.

(b) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme and Madarsa Modernization Programme, are some of the schemes being implemented by the Government to improve the educational status of the Muslim children.